

THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
November 27, 2006

Chairman Hawley called the weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

#### 31 CORRIDOR

Commissioner Boyer told the Board he has concerns about accessibility and has not seen a schedule of meetings. Commissioner Hawley has had correspondence on the project but not for this area.

#### CONFINED FEEDING OPERATION

The Board received an IDEM notice for an application for Kamron Donaldson for a confined feeding operation. Commissioner Boyer said he has not seen any expansion has been done. Grant County has put a limit of ½ mile from a residence.

#### PAY SCHEDULE

The Board received another hourly pay schedule to review.

#### LONGEVITY PAY

Commissioner Deeds moved to approve the Longevity pay for County employees. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

#### MINUTES

Commissioner Boyer moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

#### INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Hawley gave an update on the last Insurance committee meeting. The group discussed the County not having a County employed Doctor to do CDL physicals and address other needs.

#### INSIGHT

The Board received a notice from Insight informing them there will not be an increase in the basic tier next year.

#### HVAC SYSTEM

The Board received notice from the Auditor's office that the final payment on the HVAC system has been paid.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

The Board received notice that the County will receive \$11,250 each year through 2010.

#### COURTHOUSE FLOAT APPLICATIONS

The Board has received 2 applications for the new Courthouse Float position. Commissioner Deeds made a motion to take applications until Monday December 4th at 9:00 a.m. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

#### MCEDA

Mr. Tidd spoke with Commissioner Hawley about positions on the MCEDA Board that needs to be reappointed and 1 position that has resigned. Mr. Speth, Dr. Orr and Mr. Stevens are the ones asking to be reappointed and Mr. Larrison has resigned. Commissioner Boyer asked that the City be involved. Commissioner Hawley has contacted the City. The MCEDA Board will be reorganized by 12-13-06.

#### HEALTH BOARD

The Commissioners received a letter from the Health Department explaining that there are 2 appointments about to expire and 1 that has resigned. Commissioner Hawley asked the Board members to bring a name with them for consideration before the end of the year. The two whose terms are up are Dr. Hill and Lavonne Eddy. Helene Banina resigned.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL INCINERATOR

The Board needs to address purchasing a new incinerator for the Animal Control officer. IDEM inspected the current incinerator and found some minor faults with it and recommended it be replaced soon. Commissioner Deeds feels they should go ahead and do that. Commissioner Hawley will contact IDEM to make sure that the new one will meet all the State standards.

#### ATLAS CONTRACT

Commissioner Hawley will speak to David Grund regarding the Atlas contract for cleaning of the Courthouse.

#### NO SMOKING ORDINANCE

There will be a special meeting to discuss establishing guidelines to determining a no smoking ordinance.

#### SHERIFF

The Sheriff discussed the following items with the Board.

1. Scheduling Astrup Electronics for repairs
2. Ordered plumbing parts
3. Door project going well and under projected amount
4. Set Needs Assessment meeting (Jail Study) for 12-12-06 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room

Commissioner Deeds moved to approve work on the lighting and to pay for it out of money left in Jail maintenance. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### TREASURER

The Treasurer informed the Board that if the only late fee on a bill was the Solid Waste, it cannot go up for tax sale.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BIDS

The Board of Commissioners as recommended by the Highway Department accepted the following bids.

##### STONE & GRAVEL

Hanson Aggregates

Huntington Peru Sand

Kokomo Gravel

Malea

Rock Industries

Speedway Gravel.

The Board rejected Kewanna's bid

#### BITUMINOUS MATERIALS

The Board of Commissioners as recommended by the Highway Department accepted the following bids

Central Paving Co. Inc.

Phend & Brown, Inc.

Pierceton Equipment Co., Inc.

QPR 2000

#### DUST CONTROL

The Board of Commissioners as recommended by the Highway Department accepted the following bids.

Bit-Mat Products

The Board rejected SEM Materials.

The Board and Mr. Waltz discussed the fuel contracts and how to get a vendor in southern Miami County for the Sheriff Department and Animal Control. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to allow Commissioner Boyer to contact BP and McClure on behalf of the Board to see if a contractual deal could be worked out. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

A motion to table fuel bids by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

#### JOB STUDY

The Board received a claim for the job study being conducted by Waggoner Irwin & Scheely.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Mr. Waltz informed the Board he will be out of town from Friday through December 12, 2006.

Mr. Waltz reported that the ditching for Lawrence Conner is completed.

#### TOBY STEPHEN

Mr. Stephen informed the Board that the right of way is released for County Road 675. Jim Dehl has a package put together to send to the Fort Wayne District. There have been 32,950 acquisitions according to the progress report.

Mr. Wilson Jr. has an additional \$500 to separate down spouts etc. This is an amount that the Board agreed to in order to complete the right of way acquisitions. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to allow Mr. Wilson Jr. to cash the check and the County will reimburse Mr. Buskirk. There was much discussion but no 2nd. The Board then instructed Mr. Stephen to tell Mr. Wilson to cash Mr. Buskirk's check.

#### TRIAD/DUKES HOSPITAL

The Board received a notice from TRIAD voiding their first right of refusal to purchase Blair Ridge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to recess until 1:30 p.m. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

Reconvene.

The Board of Commissioners called to order the afternoon session of the Board to discuss the status of trending in relation to 2007 tax collections. The Treasurer provided a time line for those in attendance to review. County Assessor Nancy Gates told the Board the assessment data for the years 2004 and 2005 has been sent to the State for approval and she is awaiting the letter of compliance. Mrs. Gates also told the Board the sales disclosures are completed as well. The Trending work has been turned over to Scott Potts to begin that process. County Treasurer Large suggested the Board call Mr. Potts to get an update from him. Mr. Potts explained to those in attendance that as the trending process proceeds errors are found and have to be corrected. The corrections are made in the Assessors offices. He stated that the Assessors have worked very diligently and in a timely manner to complete any task he has asked them to do. He said Miami County is not unique in the situation we are in. We have had a change in software and the interfacing of information did not flow properly so there is clean up. He said he hopes to have the trending finished by the end of December barring any problems. He also said in the future sales disclosure data would be completed regularly and it should go smoother. The problem this year is the rules were changed by the State which threw a wrench into the process.

When Mr. Potts completes his trending he will submit the report to the State for approval. He has known a two to four week turn around time. At the time the report is approved and the values certified, the County Assessor will sign a contract with Miami systems to send out the form 11's.

The Treasurer asked about the ratio study. Mr. Potts explained that the ratio study and trending are one in the same.

The Treasurer also asked about the AV's for Estates at Eagles Pointe. Mr. Potts said the prior year's values will roll through as corrected on the parcels that have been addressed in the hearings.

Mike Chittum, Peru Township Assessor, explained that his first deputy will be having surgery next month and could be off a month to six weeks. The County Assessor is assisting him in getting his portion of the work completed due to the illness of his first deputy.

Councilman Click suggested another meeting the first of April to discuss where we are in the process. April 2, 2007 is the date agreed to by all.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

Adjourned

THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER

\_\_\_\_\_, CHAIRMAN

GARY HAWLEY

\_\_\_\_\_, VICE CHAIRMAN

GREGORY DEEDS

\_\_\_\_\_, MEMBER

C. CRAIG BOYER

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor

Brenda Weaver